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Rev. and Mrs. Frank Porada and children, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, missionaries en route to the Philippines. Remember always to pray for your missionaries. (See Missions Page.)

NOTICES...

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The committee appointed to make investigation concerning insurance for church buildings, etc., has been unable so far to arrive at a definite conclusion because of the many hindrances to arranging for insurance coverage. I suggest that all pastors keep their church property covered with insurance until further notice.—E. C. Clark, Chairman.

Evangelists Available

I am open for calls in the evangelistic work anywhere. — Rev. Burnice Heath, 111 W. Walnut St., Tarboro, N. C.

I plan to evangelize this year; anyone desiring to contact me may do so at 312 Green St., Edenton, N. C. — Rev. J. G. Perry.

FOR SALE—One base and snare drum complete. Base self-adjustable and snare in good condition. Price, \$25.00 plus shipment charges. —Rev. Samuel H. Rebert, 314 S. Morgan St., Waynesboro, Pa.

SPECIAL NOTICE, CHURCH CLERKS

In a few days you will receive blanks from the Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C., requesting information in regard to the membership, property value, etc., of your church. Please answer all questions, as far as possible, and return to them without delay.—General Sec.-Treas.

DEATHS

BAILEY

Larry Rann Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bailey, of Dalton, Ga., passed away suddenly October 25, 1946, at the age of two years and five months.—Mrs. Oscar Jackson.

WILSON

Sister Mollie L. Wilson passed on to her reward December 25, 1946, at the age of seventy-seven years and eleven months. She had been a member and minister in the Church of God for approximately thirty years. The funeral was conducted in Paris, Texas,

by Rev. H. N. Scoggins and J. T. Melton.—J. T. Melton.

ANDERSON

Sarah Elizabeth Anderson, of Moniac, Ga., departed this life November 27, 1946, at the age of sixty-three. She was a faithful and joyful member of the Church of God for several years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. R. Alderman and Rev. L. B. Thomas.—Mrs. Myrtel Mixon, her daughter.

NINE

Charles D. Nine passed away December 16, 1946, at the age of sixty-one. He was faithful and trusted God to the end. We thank each one for your prayers and anointed cloths, also for helping us during his illness. — His brokenhearted wife, Mrs. Charles D. Nine.

RAGSDALE

Sister Ludie Ragsdale departed this life September 29, 1946, at the age of sixty-one. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at West Nashville, Tenn. She is survived by her husband and four children.—Rev. James Clark, former pastor.

BRANTLEY

The accidental death of Artis Brantley occurred November 30, 1946. Artis was a devoted son and is survived by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

MATTHEWS

Little Brenda Gayle Matthews, of Port Arthur, Texas, passed away November 12, 1946, at the age of two years and ten months. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Carnes, her pastor.—Charlotte Joe Carnes.

PRAYER COINS

Ministers who have bought prayer coins to boost their Sunday Schools have told me it worked. The idea of giving a prayer coin to each little boy or girl who brings in a new boy or girl is uniquely successful. Then, too, you have put a pocket piece into the hands of these boys and girls with John 3:16 on one side and the Lord's prayer on the other. The two most valuable verses in the Bible in the hand of these youngsters may mean life or death for them. Try it. Other business firms mail these pins out as souvenirs. Still others use them as a means of home mission work. Price \$3.50 per hundred, \$2.00 for 50, \$1.10 for 25, 60c per dozen, 10c each.

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Requests for Prayer...

PRAY FOR:

A special unspoken request.—Mrs. Callie Huss, Russel Springs, Ky.

The Lord to heal my eyes.—Mrs. Sarah Franklin, Tampa, Fla.

The Lord to save my son and heal his body; also an unspoken request.—Chloe Jarrel, Whitesville, W. Va.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Cleo Vance, Rockingham, N. C.

God to heal my granddaughter of fainting spells; also I am a shut-in, remember me. Two special unspoken requests.—Mrs. Callie Chandler, Muscadine, Ala.

God to heal me. I have a tumor of the head.—Noble McDonald, Waynesville, N. C.

God to save my children and heal me of rheumatism, high blood pressure, and kidney trouble.—Mrs. Pearl Dobson, Greer, S. C.

The Lord to undertake for Rev. W. M. Carnes. This is very urgent. — Mrs. W. M. Carnes.

Me to be healed of lung trouble; also for my wife to be healed.—Clyde Neal, New Castle, Ind.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Von Williams, Bremen, Ala.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; also an unspoken request.—Hattie Middleton, Albany, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of stomach trouble.—Arthur Smith.

God to heal me of a sore leg.—Mrs. Alton Robertson, Pioneer, La.

The Lord to heal me so I can go back to church.—Martin M. Ford.

A cousin of mine who accidentally shot another cousin. He faces torture unknown because of the incident and

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Loving in Deed and in Truth

Text: 1 John 3:18

By W. C. BYRD, Pastor, Church of God, Prichard, Ala.

The text follows verse 16 which states the love of God perceived by Christ laying down His life for us. As our Lord not only stated His love for us, John 3:16, but manifested it by laying down His life for us, so our love is manifested or made real likewise. Unless our life and deeds confirm what we say by word and tongue, it is all a meaningless nothing. Then, too, if our deeds are not in truth deeds of love, it is all likewise nothing. 1 Cor. 13:3.

I.

LOVING IN DEED AND IN TRUTH BY VISITING

1. *Widows and Orphans.* James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS and WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLITION." James meant more here than a mere social call and having a brief chat. That is what we usually mean by visiting, but that is not the meaning attached here. The full meaning of a Bible VISIT is to go and see what one needs and provide that need. You have not visited as the Bible states until you do this. Just to go and state that you love by word and tongue is not a Bible visit. A Bible visit is to go and state your love in word and tongue and manifest it by deed and truth.

LET ME EXPLAIN: A poor, hungry widow and children with no husband and father to provide for them, is visited in a social way, by a good (?) church sister. You find her form gaunt for lack of food and the children crying for bread. **YOU THEN PROPOSE TO OBEY THE BIBLE VISIT OF PURE AND UNDEFILED RELIGION** by throwing your arms around her and loving in word and tongue thus: "My poor, poor dear," you say, then draw her to you, kiss her fevered brow, and look on the starving children and say, "Oh, how I love you, poor children." After a few other remarks you leave and go home where you have a cupboard full of good things to eat. You eat a steak dinner and lie down on an ivory bed feeling at ease and satisfied that you have made the visit of pure and undefiled religion. Do you feel that that silly

talk manifested the love of God?

How about this? Another goes to the same place and after sympathy and greetings says, "God is love; He will provide," and hurries home and drives over a milk cow and brings clothes and food for them. Which was a Bible visit? I'll tell you which the woman and children believe visited the Bible way. Not the one that merely used the tongue, but the one who said it IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.

2. *Prisoners and the Sick.* Matt. 25:35, 36. A close study of the familiar charge against the goats, and the explanation of the visits of the sheep will show that their visits were not mere trips to a dreary prison or to some sick room, but it was giving meat when some were hungry, a drink of cool water to the thirsty, providing clothes for the naked and a place to stay for strangers. The prisons of that day were cold and very little water and food were given to the prisoners, so to visit was not merely a JAIL SERVICE of a few songs of divine love and a brief message on their rascality, but was a visit that robed, warmed, watered, and provided the prisoners' needs. Amen.

II

SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF LOVING IN TONGUE AND LOVING IN DEED

1. *State Overseer in —.* In a certain state, an overseer visited a church after a siege of sickness. He was greeted warmly by members and pastor. They shook his hand and hugged his neck to the extent that it seemed his neck would break, and surely he must have felt that this part was much over-emphasized. This overseer was so weak in body that he couldn't finish his message without sitting down in a chair. The crowd sat there and drank in the message with their mouths open like young birds being fed earthworms. The benediction was said and they crowded around the overseer and loved him in word and tongue, but in deed and in truth they let him drive three hundred miles home with no invitation to spend the night. After driving awhile, this overseer became so sleepy that he drove into a filling station and

asked to park his car near-by and went to sleep, being exhausted. He slept until being awakened with cold some two hours later, and started his car and completed his homeward journey. When he arrived home, his wife did not spend the rest of the day loving in word and by tongue, but immediately prepared her husband a nice warm meal and put him in a clean warm bed and kept quiet while the tired sick brother rested and slept. **THAT WIFE LOVED HIM IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.**

2. *A Certain Church in —.* An evangelist went to a certain church in — for a revival. On his arrival, he found a pastor and wife apologizing for not being able to provide better entertainment, also expressing fear that the evangelist wouldn't receive much support for the revival as their support had been very small. After a few nights' preaching and visiting the members' homes in the daytime, it was observed that most of the members owned their own home. They had them furnished fairly well and usually had several hundreds of canned goods in their pantries. They seemed to have plenty of preacher-food running around in the yards; **NAMELY, THE ESSENCE OF SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN.** They dressed in clothes nice enough for anyone and had cars and trucks to ride in to church. It was the first year of the pastor's launching out into full-time ministry and the members expressed appreciation for him and family. They said he was no Paul in the pulpit yet he seemed to be a John in his home and the community. This was much better than the last one they had as they seemed to think he was somewhat of a Judas. The former pastor, being forced by the circumstances, had worked most of the time, supplying the needs of his good wife and four children, and that at twenty cents an hour, the best he could do. It was along in the summer and he had not been able to buy many clothes, thus he wore heavy pen-check trousers to church. The evangelist had four suits, with two pair of trousers to each suit. He would have gladly given the pastor

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BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR

A LETTER

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Brother Walker:

Warm Christian greetings. I have been wanting to write to you for sometime and let you know how much we appreciate the Evangel. The natives surely do enjoy reading it. Many times they stop by the house and inquire if the next issue has come. We have sixty copies coming each week and could use many more.

Brother, we are so glad to know that you are feeling well again. When we saw the announcement of your illness in the Evangel, we took it upon our hearts and prayed earnestly that God would give you a speedy recovery. We also mentioned this request to the natives, who joined us in this prayer. Thank God that again you are able to be at your post of duty.

I know the mission work has a warm place in your heart and that you are deeply interested in its progress, so I will tell you just a little of how God is blessing us here in the Virgin Islands. We have been here now ten months and have seen many souls brought to God. This is a new field for the Church of God and we encountered many difficulties in beginning our work here. But thanks be to God who has given us the victory. We have a very nice following and plan to set a church in order in a few weeks with around fifty members.

Our work is already operating like a well-established church. I surely wish you could hear them sing and testify. Quite a few have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and are constantly making mention in their testimonies of how glad they are that we brought the light of this wonderful experience to them. This is making others hungry and they are praying and expressing their desire for this experience, also.

I have been preaching on two other islands, also, and feel that in the near future I shall be able to establish churches there.

I am extending to you a special invitation to visit us. Brother Hughes said that he would be here February 1, just a few days before the convention in Puerto Rico, so I am making plans

for our convention to be held at that time. If you would come at this time, you could take in both conventions, as it only takes a half hour to come here by plane from Puerto Rico.

Sister Stoppe and Richard join me in wishing you and yours, happiness and health for the new year.

Yours in the Master's service, Henry C. Stoppe.

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60,000 in Virginia Classes in Religion

RICHMOND, Va. — (RNS) — Sixty thousand Virginia school children are now enrolled in religious education classes offered through the public schools, it was reported by the Department of Christian Education of the Virginia Council of Churches. Eighty-five full-time instructors are employed. A certain amount of opposition to establishing classes in Danville faded, and after two months 93 per cent of all pupils in the grades in which they were offered have been enrolled.

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World Co-operation

Evangelicals in this country who are alert to the dangers of modernism will be glad to know that there exists today in most Eastern countries national movements among believers which are in the process of crystallization into organizations similar to NAE.

Ever since the cessation of hostilities, our national office has been in correspondence with our brethren in Europe regarding this matter. Several months ago a committee was organized in Great Britain under the leadership of Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones, successor to G. Campbell Morgan in Westminster Chapel. Our former President, Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, went with Mr. John Bolten in the spring of 1946 to convey our greetings and information regarding the development of the movement in America. About the same time, Rev. T. Christie Innes of our Board made an extensive tour of Great Britain with the same objectives. These visits served to arouse interest in many sections. Definite plans for national organization are well underway. We understand a convention representative of all interests will be

called in the autumn of 1947.

It was my privilege to confer with evangelical leaders in England, Scotland, Wales, France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, and Germany during my recent journey to Europe. Leaders from several other countries attended these meetings. In all countries visited, committees are actively functioning already or are in process of formation.

It has been the suggestion of our NAE leaders visiting Europe that each country form its own NAE as an autonomous national organization having no organic connection with NAE in America. We have advised the adoption of the American statement of faith. We have also expressed our hope that the major policies of NAE shall be adapted and adopted by the European groups.

NAE is also spreading to many countries in South America and the Orient. It seems probable that every nation in the world will eventually have its own organization.

The next phase of the work internationally will be to devise some plan for co-operation between these national groups. Interest in the planning of an international congress of evangelicals is already in evidence. Perhaps it can be brought about in the summer of 1948. In Europe, Switzerland is universally favored as the location of the proposed meeting.—J. Elwin Wright, *Editorial, NAE.*

IMPORTANT

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Jesus Visits the Gadarenes Once, and Again

By RUFUS HULBURT

The story of Jesus' visit to the Gadarenes on the east side of the Sea of Galilee is both very interesting and very instructive. Matthew says "Gergesenes," but these terms here seem to be interchangeable and have reference to the same people and place.

The central figure of the story is the demon-possessed man. According to Matthew, he was exceedingly fierce so that even travelers were in danger when passing that way. According to Mark, time and again he had been bound with chains and fetters but he would break them all. Mark further mentions that efforts to tame him were also in vain. Luke says he was out of the city, probably his original home and where he had been bound many times in efforts to control him. Each of the three writers says his dwelling was in the tombs. Mark mentions his being in the mountains and tombs. Luke says he wore no clothes and neither abode in any house.

One can easily picture a scene in that locality. Children would be at play in the evening. Suddenly there would be a wild, weird cry from the tombs in the mountains. The children would instantly stop their play and ran to their homes. The mothers would turn pale, knowing full well the danger. The men would gather with solemn faces and talk about what was best to do, and then with grim determination decide that at early dawn, or perhaps that same night they would try once more to conquer the mad man. With better fetters and stronger chains they would go and find the man, and grapple with him and bind him. But before their bewildered gaze, in his superhuman strength and satanic power, he would break the fetters and chains and be gone.

Perchance a stranger would come by. The good people would warn him to go another way, as it was dangerous to go past where the wild man was.

But Jesus came one day and, as He approached, the demons in the man recognized Him and their first thought seems to have been fear of coming torment, because immediately they asked that they be not tormented now before their time. Then they made another request. There was a large herd of about two thousand swine feeding on the mountain and the demons asked permission to enter the swine. Jesus



granted permission and the whole herd rushed into the lake and perished.

According to Mark, Jesus asked his name, and he answered, saying "My name is Legion: for we are many." Some have said that there must have been two thousand demons, one for

each hog. But this need not have been because if a part of the hogs were possessed, the rest would have joined in the wild stampede.

An important question that is raised in our minds is why did Jesus grant their request? Satan is the archenemy of our Lord and opposes everything holy and good. Then why did Jesus grant his request? Surely not to try to win favor in this new field. Jesus did not hope that by granting this request the devil would be more friendly. No, I am sure Jesus did not hope for any lessening of Satanic opposition.

This is not the first time Satan has asked for and been granted permission to do some certain thing. Turn back to the book of Job and read where God granted Satan permission not only to destroy property but to take lives, also. God wanted to do a work in Job's life that He could not do until the property was out of the way and He could have Job's undivided attention. I believe the reason is the same here. I think the reasons are parallel. We will speak of this later.

I might mention here that some have maintained that the swine owners were Jews and since it was contrary to the Jewish law for them to raise hogs, Jesus destroyed them. But, according to good authority, this was not the case. Notes in the Thompson Bible say the Gadarenes—Gergesenes—were a people living on the east of the Sea of Galilee.

Jessie Lyman Hurlbut in his Bible Atlas says Gadara and Gerasa are cities of Decapolis. And that Decapolis was ten confederated Greek cities in Palestine, which, though surrounded by a Jewish population, preserved their heathen character and were protected by the Roman Government.

The keepers of the swine fled and told both in the city and the country what had taken place. Then the people came. Matthew says the whole city came out to see Jesus. Luke says the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about came. And they beheld Jesus and the man sitting clothed at the feet of Jesus and in his right mind. Also, there was the great financial loss of the swine. Everything was new and strange to them—this Stranger of Galilee and what He had done.

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Whose Image?

By FREDDIE VAN METER

"And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?" Matt. 22:20.

In this instance, the Pharisees sent their disciples, with some of the Herodians, to try, through the art of flattery, to catch our Lord in a snare. The question is not one of just the coin alone, but of loyalty and service. They came to Jesus with the question as to whether or not it was lawful to pay tribute to Caesar. Their mission was not one of seeking light, but one of trying to entangle the Master in His words. Jesus asked to see the coin. When He asked whose image was on it, they answered, "Caesar's." Then Jesus said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Let us consider ourselves as God's coinage. "As is the earthly, such are they also that are earthly: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly," 1 Cor. 15:48, 49. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," Gen. 1:26.

Now, if we really are God's coinage, we will bear His likeness; but it appears to me that if there ever was anything that would make God hide His eyes it would be to look upon some of His coinage today, trying to imprint Caesar on one side. You may say, "I never miss a midweek prayer meeting or Sunday service." That is fine, but do you ever slip over on the devil's playground in between times? According to 2 Cor. 11:14, Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. He will pull the wool over your eyes and cause you to see no harm in the little things, but it is the little

fox that spoils the vine. If we are God's coinage, is His image there?

After the fall of man, and sin had entered the lives of God's creation, there came upon the human family a defacement. The first-born image faded away; sin and shame caused them to hide their faces from God and fellow workers. Today the degradation of sin is stamping its image on the lives of the human family, both the youth and the old. Not only on the sinner, but saddest of all the devil is stamping the likeness of the earthly on many who once seemed to know God, and is endeavoring to remove the image of the heavenly. I believe that God still has thousands who have never bowed to Baal, but you know what I say is true.

The time was, and not too far distant, when you could tell a Christian sister wherever you saw her, but what of today? Sometimes you have to hear her testify to know if she even makes a profession. I know, in the birth of a certain holiness movement, a citizen of the town remarked, "I have seen two holiness movements come to our town, each holding a high standard, but they dropped it. Now I am watching yours." You are being watched by the professor as well as the sinner, and they know if you are bearing the likeness. Some say their religion is in the heart and not in their manner of dress; yet the Word says that from

the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. I am persuaded to believe that out of the abundance of the heart actions proceed. If Christ dwells in the temples, surely His will is not that the outside should bear the likeness of Caesar. The tree is known by its fruit, not by its sap. If we are Church of God, let us be Church of God from head to toe. Some say they can't buy dresses with long sleeves and of respectable length. When you want them to be different bad enough, you will buy material and get someone to sew them for you. I know of many who at one time were ashamed to remove their coats with a three-quarter-length sleeve, but today they have them not more than three inches from the shoulder. What is the matter—did God change His Word? No, it is the likeness of Caesar appearing more clearly to deface the coinage of God.

We should hold that standard higher instead of dropping it for some excuses. Christ died to redeem men and women from their sins; not in sin, but from the likeness of such. May God help us to be on the alert and keep under the blood of Jesus, and, as David said, to keep God's Word hidden in our hearts that we might not sin against Him. Jesus knew the coin by the image it bore. God help us to be known by the image of His likeness.

The Sure Way to Revival

— By —

LIONEL B. FLETCHER

Condensed from
"The Standard"

All great soul-winners have been men and women of prayer. I have known nearly all the great evangelists of this generation, and many of the last. All were men of intense prayer.

One man moved my soul tremendously when I was a young, unconverted journalist. He was staying with a Presbyterian minister, and I said, "I would like to see Mr. So-and-so." The Minister spoke of him with awe in his

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voice and something wonderful in his face, and said, "I have never had such a man live in my house. I do not know when he sleeps. When I go to his room at night to see if he is comfortable, he is in prayer. I saw him go into the church early this morning and he has not been home for meals."

I found the church. I crept in lest I disturb him. It was in the tropics of Australia. I found him divested of his coat and collar. He lay prostrate at the

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The Measure of a Man

Eph. 4:11-13, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

We are living in an age of precision—everything MUST be measured to the one one-thousandth of an inch.

Rev. 21:17, "... according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel." John was measuring the Holy City at the command of God. Not only is the City measured, but saints are also measured.

GOOD MEASURE

Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, ... For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." God wants us full, full of victory; not just a shout because someone else is shouting, not to sing because someone else is singing, nor pray because someone else is praying. These things are needful and necessary and we will do them if we have the VICTORY. Full of blessing. Always ready to share only your blessings, and not your sorrows, with everyone with whom you come in contact. We are blessed with LIFE at its best, because our life is "hid with Christ in God." We are blessed with a sound MIND. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." We are blessed with the ability to FEEL the power of God moving in our hearts and minds, to the extent we are not always desiring the amusements of the world to give us a good feeling. Full of FAITH. "Whatsoever is not of faith is of sin." "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Stephen was a good man full of faith. We must have faith in God or we cannot get ANYTHING from Him. Salvation is by faith. Healing is by faith. Many of us live by faith, and if we make it to heaven it will be through faith. Full of the HOLY GHOST and power. The only

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way those about us know we have the Holy Ghost is when we are full of Him. We may be led by the Spirit, blessed by the Spirit, taught by the Spirit, and still not have the baptism of the Spirit (full and running over). We will make slow progress for God and His Church in the world as we find it today, if we do not have the Baptism.

ANY MEASURE WILL NOT DO

Proverbs 20:10, "Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the Lord."

Not, "How did he die?"
But, "How did he live?"
Not, "What did he gain?"
But, "What did he give?"
These are the units
To measure the worth
Of a man as a man
Regardless of birth.
Not, "What was his station?"
But, "Has he a heart?"
And, "How did he play
His God-given part?"
"Was he ever ready
With a word of cheer,
To bring back a smile?
To lament a tear?"

—Selected.

What shall be done with a person who SAYS and DOES NOT the things of God? Micah 6:11, "Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?"

If we as ministers "tone down" in order to put the "program over" and have the favor of large crowds, we are not measuring up to what God wants of us. A powerless message full of nothing but psychology is only remembered while the preacher is there. After he leaves just try and find the results that have been reported; but when He, the powerful One, is there, the people will not be attracted so much to the messenger but to the message, and will be there on the job to work for God in the Sunday School, in the prayer meeting, in the Y. P. E., and in the altar.

A short-measure, underweight, below-standard profession is an abom-

ination to God. The successful minister is always busy praying, studying, visiting, and preaching. Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life. Without the Way there is no going; without the Truth there is no knowing; without the Life there is no living.

WHAT IS MY MEASURE

Job 31: 6, "Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity." Let us be honest with God. Would we be afraid to be weighed in God's scales? Would we be afraid to be measured to the one one-thousandth of an inch with God's rule. If God has weighed the waters, the heavens, the dust of the earth, and the mountains, He surely can measure us. Isa. 40:12, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?" We, as a nation, are as a drop in the bucket for His ability to weigh and measure. Isa. 40:15, "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing." Amen.

TESTIMONIES

For some time, I suffered terribly with kidney trouble. The doctor said I would have to have an operation. I got worse and sent word for the people of God to pray for me. God healed me and I truly praise His name.—Mrs. Tessie Wilkins, Addison, Ala.

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About a year ago, I was taken sick and gradually grew worse and worse. There were times when I didn't know I was in the world. They finally took me to the hospital, but I know God's people were praying for me. Now I am home again and well. Praise God, I know He spared me for some cause.—Mrs. J. C. Swinford, Cleveland, Tenn.

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I know that God does heal. The people prayed for me and since that time I have felt the touch of the Master and have been out of bed and able to do light housework.—Mrs. A. H. Howe, Roslin, Tenn.

Text: "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" *Acts 16:30.*

This greatest question ever asked by an inquiring soul was asked by the Philippian jailor, on Paul's second missionary journey, which brought him for the first time to the continent of Europe. Here he had encountered several varied experiences. Through it all he had the consolation of knowing that God was with him, for we notice in the sixth verse where he was forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia, and the seventh verse, when they attempted to go to Bithynia.

Being unlike some careless minister, desiring an excuse for not preaching, he still sought the guidance of the Holy Ghost, and in the night vision saw the man of Macedonia beckoning and saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Immediately he knew that God was calling him to this field, and took a ship for Macedonia and journeyed to the chief city, Philippi.

While here he met Lydia, the seller of purple, whose whole household was converted, baptized, and became host to the missionaries, so that it has been said that the man of Macedonia was the woman, Lydia, in the prayer meeting by the riverside. At least, she was the first convert. It was the impact of the repercussion of his second convert's conversion that laid the scene for our lesson. The young woman, the soothsayer, the fortuneteller, who naturally, having the devil cast out of her by the apostle Paul, was unable to carry on for her masters. Thus, immediately these men, seeing their business slipping from them, became overly religious, or at least they manifested great loyalty to their government. They became especially interested in the teaching of customs and things lawful for the Romans; in fact, any excuse in order to wreak out vengeance upon these blessed men of God. The magistrates, confronted with the story, rent their clothes and commanded to beat the missionaries. This was Paul's third time to receive such scourgings.

Our words are so futile to undertake to describe the sufferings of the apostle Paul. He had a frail body and sensitive nerves, no doubt; and his being beaten with rods and scourges,

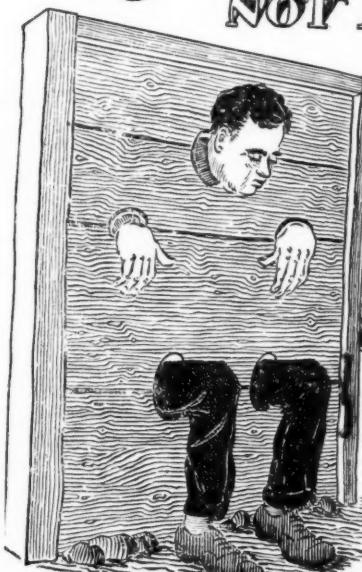
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EMOTIONALISM

There is a great cry throughout our modern day against emotionalism. Some say there is no need of crying, no need of being excited, no need to be worked up; just think your religion. But these same fellows can go to a ball game and you can hear them for half a mile hollering and screaming until they are hoarse, worked up to a high pitch of emotionalism; yet, when it comes to the church, they

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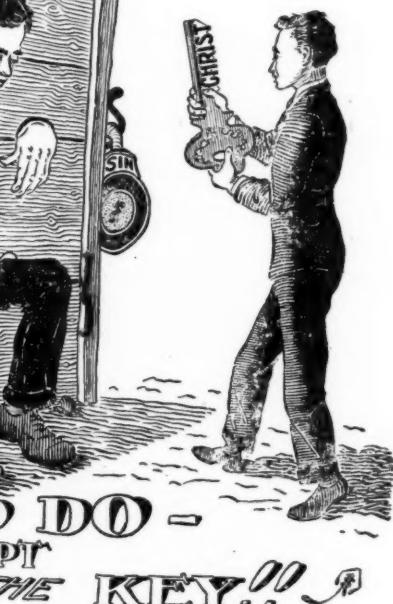
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REV. J. H. WALKER, Editor-in-Chief

want everything so nice and quiet and easy, and, they say, beautiful. No doubt, if a cold, formal, modernistic preacher were placed in Paul's stead, he would say, "Calm yourself; be quiet; get on out of the building before a recurring shock causes the building to fall on you." Or, perhaps he would recommend that he change his environment; get into a more delightful work. As a jailor, he was thrown with the lower class of people.

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If it were some of these modern college professors, he would recommend that the man go to college and be trained and skilled in the various sciences and arts, and think through his religion without emotion. But listen to the words of this jailor, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

There are the "must" things in life, which have precedence in all of our thinking. Frankly, there was nothing he could do to save himself. The only thing left for him to do was to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. There are those who would have you believe that your good deeds will balance your evil deeds, and if you sin and you are honest and pay your debts, doing enough to stay out of jail, those good deeds will be counted to your credit and counterbalance any misdeeds; so it would be a do religion with them. But the apostle assigned the right prescription to this case, for it is not what we do, but it is what Christ does for us. Christ is the key to the situation; "only believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." It is this faith, so simple that a wayfaring man, though he were a fool, shall not err therein; but this simplicity appears so meaningless to many that they feel there is something great they yet must do. Jesus asked the blind man, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" It is faith as simple and true as that of the woman who approached Jesus and said, "If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." As the centurion approached Jesus to come and heal his servant, he said, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Jesus healed the servant and said of this man, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

Jesus spoke of a little faith, more faith, and great faith. We are told in Hebrews that "without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

There are different degrees of faith; nevertheless, "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith implies explicit confidence, sincere trust. You have faith in your wife that she will keep her promise, thus you trust her and have comfort and consolation. You have faith in your banker; you trust him with all your money. You believe the mighty ship will cross the

ocean and land safely on the other side; you are willing to trust yourself in the care of the great ship's management. You believe the airplane will take you from one city to another; you purchase a ticket and secure passage, trusting the pilot to land you safely. One fellow said he would fly as high as anyone as long as he could keep one foot on the ground. He surely did not fully trust.

While men place their faith in these things I have mentioned, they sometimes fail; but if we place our whole-hearted trust in the eternal truth of God, all heaven stands behind the guarantee. Heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word will not pass. Praise God for confidence in that blessed Word! I want you to think of the results there. The jailor said, "What must I do to be saved?"

SAVED

Saved from sin, and the eternal consequences of sin, "Saved from all that is gathered up in the word 'hell,' and from all that is gathered up in the word 'self.' You are not your own; you are a creature of God's. Your first duty is to love, trust, and obey God. To help you, God has made His will known with sanctions. Do you think He will fail to keep His sanctions? His 'law is holy; His commandment is holy and just, and good'; and 'the soul that sinneth shall die.' Moreover, you are as one stricken with a foul disease, the leprosy of sinfulness. You need to be saved from a foulness that pollutes you, from delusions which vainly seek to shatter you, and from bondages which you are powerless to break. How can a man be just before God, a sinful man be clean in the presence of his Maker? Verily you need to be saved."—Pulpit Commentary.

Jesus died on the cross and became the sacrifice for sin, for the sins of the whole world. All of the sacrifices of the blood before the time of the cross were an index finger pointing to the true Lamb of God which was to take away the sin of the world. Since the time of the cross, we look back to it for the efficacy in His cleansing blood. Christ died, was buried, and rose again, and today He lives; He is able to save and save you now.

"Only trust Him! Only trust Him!

Only trust Him now.

He will save you; He will save you; He will save you now."

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary



News From Our FOREIGN MISSIONS



COVER PAGE

The Porada family, missionaries to the Island of Luzon, of the Philippines. Pray especially for the successful re-establishment of the work on Luzon.

By the time you read this announcement, your missionaries to the war-torn Philippines will have arrived in Manila to undertake the responsibilities of Christian service designed to bless and encourage the stalwart, faithful, courageous Filipino people, who have endured so many hardships in their struggle for freedom.

Brother Porada and family are from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a charter member of the Church of God located at 584 Baum Boulevard in that city, where Rev. R. E. Nuzum is pastor. Brother Porada has a definite call and burden for the Philippines. He spent five years in missionary service there several years ago, and knows the language and customs of the people. So strong is the burden this man carries for these people, that he sold his home and furniture and has made a complete dedication of all he has and of his own life, also, in order to serve the purpose of Christian missions in this land where darkness and sin, with war and disillusionment, has preyed upon one of the most stouthearted races of the world.

Will you please pray that the Lord of the harvest may crown the efforts of these, His servants, with success. It will take several weeks for Brother Porada to contact the native workers with whom he was associated in his earlier ministry there on the Island of Luzon. However, the prospects of an early reorganization and concentrated campaign for souls is encouragingly bright.

The many friends of the Porada family may address their correspondence to them at present in care of the Missions Department here at Headquarters.

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RELIEF FOR NEEDY GERMANY

In the previous issue of the Evangel there appeared, on the Foreign Missions page, a copy of a letter from Brother and Sister Lauster, missionaries to Germany, which was dated November 12, 1946, and we are happy to inform our readers that we were, at that time, negotiating with the War Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals for the purpose of sending help to our people in Germany. God has been gracious to us here in America. He has supplied us with food, clothing and homes. We have been permitted to have enough and to spare.

I am sure that all of us are grateful to God for the splendid cooperation the War Relief Commission of N.A.E. has given us in getting relief to the Lausters. We are printing below a copy of Brother Frank D. Lombar's letter to the Executive Missions Secretary dated November 19, so that you may be informed concerning this matter.

I am sure that our suffering people in Germany have gratefully received these goods which are worth thousands of dollars. You will notice from the letter that one hundred packages were being sent to Germany. Each of these packages weighs thirty pounds and includes food, shoes and other articles of clothing. In addition to these, we are sending other packages regularly. These contain salt pork and dried foods which are especially packed for shipment to Europe. This is really one world for the Christian. The body of Christ is united in one throughout this world. When one member suffers, we all suffer likewise.

We, in the Foreign Missions Department, wish to ask that all our people respond to the support of the great Christian service of relief. We appreciate our own War Relief Commission of the N.A.E. God is smiling upon our combined efforts to feed the hungry,

clothe the cold and support the weak. Our editor, Rev. J. H. Walker, has informed our readers of this work and the part we all may play to promote it.

“Dear Brother Brinsfield:

“Your kind letter of November 7 is received and we are ordering 100 packages of food for Rev. Herman Lauster, Krehwinkel near Schorndorf, Wuertzburg, Germany, in line with the information you gave us. We are very pleased to help your fine people in any way we can, and deeply appreciate the effective cooperation you have given us.

“We are also supplying Brother Constantides in Athens with fifty food packages, and would appreciate hearing from him as to their delivery and if the transaction is entirely satisfactory to them. This will give us a check on our purchases through the Greek War Relief Association which has a food stock pile in Athens to fill such orders, and it is only by hearing directly from the recipients that we have our own reports on the transaction.

“Your check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) has been forwarded to our Treasurer in Philadelphia, from whom you will receive an official receipt. Thank you for this further expression of helpfulness.

“You will be interested to know that our whole relief progress—both clothing and food—continues to expand and the Lord continues to bless it with both relief goods and funds to carry on the work. We give Him all the praise and thank Him daily for raising up His people to carry out His command.

“Sincerely in Christ's service,
Frank D. Lombar,
Executive Director.”

1,000 Missionaries Sailing Here This Month for Orient

A record group of American missionaries will sail December 6 from San Francisco to carry Protestant Christianity to the Orient.

Nearly 1,000 men and women of fifty-eight different churches will depart aboard four separate troop transports.

The first contingent sails tomorrow aboard the General Meigs. A second group will leave a week from today on the General Gordon. The Marine Lynx will carry 700 on December 16, and 200 more will go on the Marine Falcon December 21.

Missionaries on the first three ships
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A Miracle...

Dear friends everywhere:

Some time about the 1st of November, 1946, I received a telegram from the pastor of the church at Sandpoint, Idaho, requesting me to come to his home at once, as his wife had had a stroke of paralysis and was not expected to live. So I went as soon as I could get there and found Sister Lightfoot in a serious condition. After we had prayed for her, and the church had also prayed continually for her, she improved some.

I went home to Lewiston and about two weeks later Brother Lightfoot wrote me that his wife was still in a bad condition and he was planning to give up his church at Sandpoint and go back to Dallas, Texas, where his wife had some people liv-

ing. Brother Lightfoot didn't feel that he could carry on without the help of his wife. So Sister Statum and I went to Sandpoint again, and on Sunday, December 1, we all prayed for Sister Lightfoot. That night at the services we requested that every one pray especially for her healing. I asked Brother Lightfoot if the Lord would heal his wife would he stay at Sandpoint and pastor the church. He agreed that he would. Sister Lightfoot was completely paralyzed in her left side, her arm and leg being of no use. She could not walk or do anything. She was helpless. She was carried to church Sunday night, December 1, and was carried to the altar for prayer. We did just what the Bible said for us to do. We gathered together in one accord and anointed this sister who had been helpless for at least twenty-two days. After we had prayed for about fifteen minutes, the Lord of glory came on the scene and per-

formed a MIRACLE. He HEALED Sister Lightfoot completely. She got up from the altar and walked around over the church, while the rest of us praised and glorified the name of the Lord. Some danced, some cried for joy, while others looked on in amazement.

I was back at Sandpoint Sunday, December 15, and Sister Lightfoot was right out there at the church praising God and singing and playing her guitar. WE GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY. He is worthy of our praise. He is a HEALER TODAY. He is one that we can depend on. I can furnish plenty of names and addresses of people who do not belong to the Church of God who saw this MIRACLE and would testify to same. Remember, friends, God is still on His throne and Jesus is still in the healing business, if we will meet Bible conditions. May God bless every reader.—Howard D. Statum, State Overseer of the Church of God in Idaho and Nevada.

NEW STONE STRUCTURE AT MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA



This is only part of the estimated five hundred and fifty present at our all-day service, Mullins, S. C., about the second Sunday in May. The church membership has more than doubled and the Sunday School has increased five hundred per cent. An offering was received that day to begin a treasure to build a larger and better church building in Mullins. (The new building, a large stone structure, is near completion now.)—W. J. Hodges, pastor.

REVIVALS

OUTSTANDING REVIVAL

DAYTON, Tenn.—Brother Al Edenfield reports that he received one hundred twenty-five into fellowship of the Church and that one hundred received the Holy Ghost in his recent revival in Dayton.

TELEGRAM

WARRENVILLE, S. C.—Great revival, good attendance, four saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost Sunday night. Olivia Hunicutt, Walhalla, S. C., the evangelist.—Rev. J. B. Cole, pastor.

MT. ZION, Altoona, Ala.—We have just closed a wonderful revival, with Rev. W. S. Wilemon, of East Lake, doing the preaching. Eighteen were saved, ten sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. We appreciate the efforts of Brother Wilemon with his fine singing and preaching.—Mt. Zion church reporter.

MT. VALE, Tenn.—Brother Symes was with us in a wonderful revival in which six were saved, two sanctified, and thirteen added to the church.—Viola Kimbrough, clerk.

WARESBORO, Ga.—We closed a two weeks' revival with Brother and Sister Brooks Youngblood of Adrian, Ga., Dec. 15. God really blessed, and five were saved, five sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Three were baptized in water and united with the Church. Brother and Sister Youngblood are wonderful workers; I feel that they are some of our very best.—Earl Powell, pastor.

LOVEJOY, Pa.—We are praising the Lord for His great power falling in our four weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist M. C. Helman. God's power was everywhere, saving eight souls, sanctifying five, baptizing four in the Holy Ghost and fire, and showering His blessings down in mighty power on all who were concerned about their soul's salvation. We feel we can say it was a real Holy Ghost revival and that it was the most successful revival held in our midst. Pray that God will

continue blessing and keep those who are new in the way of salvation.—Theodore Langham, Y. P. E. president.

North Carolina Revivals

CRAMERTON.—The church was blessed with a good revival with Brother T. N. Ward. There were twelve saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Brother Ward is a wonderful evangelist and would be a blessing to any church.—L. O. Henry, *Echoes*.

MT. HOLLY.—Just closed a revival with Rev. W. T. Nelson, and the results were wonderful. There were eighteen saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. The Sunday School has broken all previous records, with one hundred forty in attendance. They have purchased equipment for their bathrooms and the county has done some grading for the church. Everything looks good and God is surely blessing in every way.—*Echoes*.

HIGH SHOALS.—A good revival was reported, with Rev. Gilbert Geren, of Cleveland, Tenn. There were twelve saved, nine sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and six baptized in water. The Lord surely is blessing the church there with their good pastor, Rev. C. H. Elrod.—*Echoes*.

HENDERSON.—The church is moving toward a wonderful year, with Rev. Roscoe Conner as the leader. They are breaking the attendance record in Sunday School and other departments. At the time of this report they were in the midst of a great revival, with Brother Roland Verrico, and thirty six had been saved, twenty-two sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-three added to the church. A new parsonage has been bought and a new church is to be built soon.—*Echoes*.

Virginia Revivals

DUBLIN—A wonderful revival is in progress here. Up to date, the report is nine saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the

house packed to the door, and the end is not yet. I think this is a wonderful report, as this church has been at a standstill since the close of the war when everyone returned to their homes. Brother Hawkins is the evangelist. Rev. D. K. Hinkley is the pastor and is doing a great work this year.—*The Virginian*.

WAYNESBORO—Rev. P. F. Taylor reports they enjoyed a great revival with Brother Moran as the evangelist. Thirteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, ten baptized in the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. One followed the Lord in water baptism. Brother Moran is a fine evangelist and anyone needing a revival will do well to get in touch with him. The new building is nearing completion.—*The Virginian*.

South Carolina Revivals

CLYDE.—We are praising God for a glorious revival. We are all encouraged to press on as never before, after seeing the Holy Ghost work mightily in power night after night, convicting the unsaved of their sins and bringing them to the altar. Our revival ran for two weeks and thirty were saved, eleven sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Nine came into the Church and others are looking this way. Twenty-eight of those saved were in the young people's bracket, and we are expecting them to be a great blessing to our church.—C. M. Moore, pastor, *South Carolina News*.

MARION.—We closed a revival December 1, with Rev. Willie Campbell as the evangelist. God blessed in a great way. There were eight saved, five sanctified, five baptized in the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. Brother Campbell is a good evangelist and we feel that he will do any church good.—Eugene Rhoden, pastor, *South Carolina News*.

VITAMINS

"FOOD—For the Body, FOOD for the Soul"—a uniquely arranged cook book with corresponding scripture texts and greetings accompanying each recipe. Has had an astonishing sale. 128 pages. Price \$1.25.

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:- TESTIMONIES :-

I praise and thank God for the way He has heard and answered prayer in my time of physical need. I weigh more than I did before I was sick some few weeks ago, and feel physically fit, however I am not entirely well of complications and shall appreciate a continued interest in your prayers. God has been faithful during my illness, for which I praise Him.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark.

I thank God this morning for saving my soul from sin and giving me the blessing of full salvation. I also wish to thank Him for touching my body. I had low blood pressure and fallen stomach and the Lord blessed me, but I am not completely well. I know that He is able to make me completely whole.—Mrs. Ward, Williamson, N. C.

I praise the Lord because He thought enough of me to save me and give me the Holy Ghost. I was in a very poor condition, physically, sometime ago, and felt that I would not live long. I knew the Lord was the only one who could help me. I prayed earnestly to Him and He relieved my suffering and my body is strong and my afflictions are gone.—Cassie Brooks, Holly Ridge, La.

I praise the Lord for His many blessings to me and His great healing power. For three years I was afflicted with pellagra. It was so bad I was past going and couldn't even talk. When I got saved the Lord healed me of this affliction. This year I had a hemorrhage of the brain and could not talk. Our pastor, Rev. T. L. Copeland, and some others came and prayed for me and God healed me of that. Recently my baby was very sick and was having convulsions. I laid the Evangel on him and prayed and the Lord healed him. He also was healed recently when he fell and stuck a stick in his throat. The Lord certainly has been good to me and has answered my prayers.—Mrs. Anderson Moore, Cleveland, Tenn.

The Lord has really blessed me in many ways. I have T. B. and have been at death's door, but in August some of the saints of God came and

prayed for me. Since that time I have been steadily improving. I have gained twenty-seven pounds since that time and am still gaining.—Cassie Ruth Holloway.

Sometime ago I sent a request to the Publishing House and the Lord heard and answered that request by healing my body. I certainly praise Him for it this morning. — Mrs. Marjorie Edwards, Chicago, Ill.

Recently I sent in a request to the Evangel for Mr. Floyd Guthrie. On Wednesday his heart was beating so fast the nurse couldn't count it. She called the doctor and he came and said there was no chance for him, and left. The next morning he came back and examined Mr. Guthrie and said something had taken place in his body that no human could tell. I knew what had happened; the Lord had heard and answered the prayers of His people. Mr. Guthrie is up and is gaining weight.—Mrs. Everett Jones, Albany, Ky.

I want to testify to the great healing power of God. I have trusted Him for my healing for sixteen years. He has healed me of appendicitis, arthritis and T. B. I have had twenty-six carbuncles and the Lord has healed them.—Bessie Mae Register, Callahan, Fla.

I wish to thank and praise the Lord for touching my father. He had a heart attack and it seemed that the end had come. The good Christian people kept praying and the Lord raised him up. He has healed many times in our home and I want to keep praising Him until He calls for me.—Mrs. C. L. Spurlock, Seneca, S. C.

I was suffering rather severely with a pain and great soreness in my left side. I requested prayer at the church and God surely answered. I praise Him for it. (This testimony is sent in, in keeping of a promise if God healed.) —A sister, Louisville, Ky.

I am praising God for healing me when I was sick last week. I was prayed for at the church and then

had different ones to pray for me. My teeth hurt me very much and my gums were swollen. We just kept holding on to God's unchanging hand and give Him all the praise because I know He was the One who healed me.—Raymond Merrell, Biltmore, N. C.

I am happy today to report victory in my soul and healing for my body. I have come back from death's door as the result of thousands of our good loyal friends praying the prayer of faith in my behalf. I had an attack of what is known as coronary thrombosis, and the first attack is generally the last, almost always fatal. For several weeks I was flat on my back, but today I am well on the way to recovery, doing a good part of the office work, as well as visiting a few churches. I want to say it is wonderful to realize you have been saved by the power of God. And again I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, as well as the flowers and many get-well cards.—D. C. Boatwright, *The Virginian*.

I praise God this morning for victory in my soul, and for His great healing power. I know I could not have lived if the people of God had not prayed for me. I appreciate the tracts and many letters sent me during my illness.—Mrs. J. F. Graham, Jonesboro, Ark.

I thank God because He saved my soul from sin and gave me the precious Holy Ghost. He healed my body of epileptic fits. For three years I suffered from this affliction, but when Brother Green of Hattiesburg, Miss., came to our church for a revival, he prayed for me and I haven't had another one.—Mrs. Estelle Daniel, Lawrenceville, Ga.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER (Continued from page 2)

God is able to help him.—A friend.

My sister who was in a car wreck and has developed pneumonia. The doctor doesn't have any hope for her.—Mrs. R. Hammie, Loxley, Ala.

God to completely heal me of an afflicted body.—Agnes Coley, Trion, Ga.

A very special unspoken request.—Mrs. S. A. Yow, Charlotte, N. C.

One of the members of the church where I pastor, who is in ill health.—Rev. Wm. A. Grant, Suisun City, Calif.

My daughter who has stomach ulcers.—Eva B. Harbaugh, Johnstown, Pa.

JESUS VISITS THE GADARENES ONCE, AND AGAIN

(Continued from page 5)

Mark says they were afraid. Luke says they were taken with a great fear. They looked and wondered and marveled at this Stranger of Galilee and what He had done.

Matthew says they besought Jesus to depart out of their coasts. Mark says they began to pray Him to depart out of their coasts. Luke says the whole country of the Gadarenes round about besought Him to depart.

Please notice that they besought Him to depart—they prayed Him to depart. "Beseech" means to entreat; to implore; to beg for earnestly. "Pray" means to ask earnestly; to ask with humility and reverence. There is nothing to indicate resentment, enmity, revenge or ill feeling of any kind, but only as we have mentioned, great fear. They did not know what this Stranger of Galilee might do next.

As Jesus prepared to leave, the healed man asked to go along. But Jesus bade him go and tell what the Lord had done for him.

So Jesus went quietly away for a time but left His messenger.

And will you please notice where the man went? Mark 5:20, "And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things the Lord had done for him: and all men did marvel."

And marvel I should think they would! These same men who had bound him with fetters and chains time and time again would sit in mute astonishment as he told the wondrous story. These same mothers who had often turned pale with fear would listen with wrapt attention as he told of his deliverance. The children, who had run with fear as they heard his wild, weird cry, would now stand in wide-eyed wonder at this man so tender and kind. And in the crowd, perhaps making up a large part of it, were those who had suffered such financial loss, perhaps all their living, in the herd of swine. How many times he told the story we do not know; over how much territory he traveled we do not know; how many people listened to him we do not know. But Mark says all men did marvel—just four words,—"All men did marvel." But that is enough.

THEN JESUS CAME AGAIN

Seems we never hear of Jesus' return visit. But the story of the first visit is so incomplete without the second.

Notice Mark 7:31, "And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the coasts of Decapolis." Please remember that Mark told us in 5:20 that the healed man gave his testimony in Decapolis. The rest of the chapter tells of the healing of one man. But chapter eight tells of the feeding of four thousand.

Now please turn to Matthew 15. Notice in the twenty-first verse that He is up near Tyre and Sidon. In the twenty-ninth verse He leaves and goes to a mountain near the Sea of Galilee. This is parallel with Mark 7:31. Remember, the demon-possessed man and the swine were on the mountain. Finish the chapter and notice the marvelous, marvelous, marvelous miracles, as well as the feeding of the four thousand.

THE SURE WAY TO REVIVAL

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communion rail. I could hear the agony and the tears in his voice as he pleaded with God for that great gold-mining city that he might lead souls to God. He had been praying all night, and he had fasted and prayed all day.

I crept to where he lay. I knelt by his prostrate form and put my hand on his shoulder. It was wet with sweat. He had never seen me before but he looked up for a moment and said, "Pray with me, brother. I cannot live if this town does not turn to God." He had been there about three weeks without conversions. . . . I knelt with him and prayed with him, and he opened his heart to God and pleaded as I never had heard a man plead. I went to my office, awed, humbled, trembling. That night I went to the

great church where he preached. No one knew he had had no food all day and no sleep the night before, but when he rose in church I heard some say, "What an unearthly light is on his face." It is true, he was a great Bible teacher, not an evangelist, but that night as he preached, something happened and the whole place broke beneath the power of God. That was the first great ingathering of souls I had ever witnessed.

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1,000 Missionaries Sailing Here This Month for Orient

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will go to China and the Philippines. Those on the Marine Falcon are destined for India.

Honoring the travelers, Protestant churches of the Bay area have scheduled a combined service for 3 p. m. next Sunday in Oakland Auditorium.

Massed choirs of the East Bay Choral Director's Guild will sing "The Messiah," and an address will be delivered by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis Baptist minister who has just completed a 22,000 mile tour of the Orient.

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LOVING IN DEED AND IN TRUTH

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one but he was a little man and the pastor was a big one.

The evangelist preached a few nights with no results. The pastor endeavored to get him an offering and after several minutes of pleading managed to get a small offering. The evangelist arose and asked the pastor to sit down, please. This he reluctantly did. The evangelist then said, "I am now going to ask for an offering for your pastor. I cannot preach the love of God with four suits of clothes and my brother with only a pen-check pair of pants and them badly worn. If this church wants God to give you a revival and this community be stirred, then give me enough money to buy your pastor a suit, and clothing he needs, and his wife a nice dress, and needed apparel also—and then your children will get saved." At this, tears began to fall all around. The pastor was crying, the evangelist was crying, men and women were crying. They quit loving in word and tongue and began to love in deed and truth. They gave enough to dress that pastor and wife well. Conviction seized the lost, the altar filled with hungry seekers. Old and young wept their way to Calvary. The evangelist was well cared for and at the close of the next two weeks a baptismal service was held miles away, but the riverside was covered with people as fourteen followed their Lord in the watery grave, to rise and walk in newness of life. It was the first revival that had been in that country in years.

Don't expect your pastor to eat and wear word and tongue material, but show him your love in DEED AND TRUTH.

3. A Certain Young Pastor in—. I am acquainted with a young pastor who was pastoring a church with a limited amount of support. He visited a family that moved near his church, and invited them to Sunday School. They told him they would come, and did for a few times. Later, he noticed these people weren't coming as before. A drive over to see why these people had ceased coming to church and to invite them out to the revival he was conducting at that time in his church, revealed that the house was empty and on inquiry from the neighbors found where they had moved. He drove on to another location and he found it to be a poorer section of town. The weather was cool and upon

entering the house the pastor observed the children without shoes on their feet. The father was sick in bed and the mother's face showed the strain of anxiety. After talking a few minutes, the young pastor said, "Sister —, please do not feel that I am too inquisitive, but would you mind telling me why your children are not in school?" With embarrassment, this mother replied, "Brother —, I regret to tell you but the children don't have shoes, and the clothes on their backs are all they have. Husband's sickness has kept me home and I do not know what I am going to do for food, much less clothes." The young pastor then said, "Do you have a pencil and paper and would you give me the names and ages of your children?" The mother said, "Yes," and she gave him the list. The young pastor dismissed himself and went home to the parsonage. He found a large box, went to the cabinet and emptied it of all that he could find that was edible. He placed this box of food in his car and drove down in town to a department store and asked for the owner, who was a very good friend of his. He said, "Mr. —, I have a family who is in need. Here is a list of their ages. Please have one of your clerks to get complete outfits together for each listed name. I don't have any money but place the charges on my bill. I will pay you later." The owner gave twenty per cent off and charged the young pastor with the rest. The clothes and food were then taken to this needy family, so the mother could send the children to school. The pastor left, giving them an invitation

to the revival meeting. That night the mother and the children were on the front seat, the boys with their new overalls and the girls with their new dresses and shoes. The young pastor told not one of his members but as he preached that night he could look over the pulpit at his congregation and shout, "I love you people," and there on the front bench was a worn mother and her children, fixed up where she could re-enter her children in school the next day, after partaking of a warm breakfast that came from the young pastor's pantry. The pastor knew, if no one else in the building did, that what he said was in DEED AND IN TRUTH. The mother and her two oldest daughters gave their hearts to God in that revival and joined the church and were faithful tithe-payers. The young pastor conducted a revival at another church and secured the money and paid the man who was so kind as to credit him.

Dear ones, such loving in deed and in truth will prove to mankind that there is a genuine love without which all our talking is a meaningless nothing. Do you love Christ? Do you love His Church? Do you love the lost? Do you love the seekers? Do you love the orphans and the widows? If so, then keep doing it with more than just words and tongue, but see that it is with DEED AND TRUTH.

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